

## **COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS**

**March 2, 2015**

The Municipal Council of the City of Alpena met in regular session in the City Hall on the above date and was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by the Mayor.

Present: Mayor Waligora, Councilmembers Sexton, Nielsen, Nowak, and Johnson.

Absent: None.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

### **MINUTES**

The minutes of the regular session of February 16, 2015, and special workshop session of February 16, 2015, were approved as printed.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Moved by Councilman Sexton, seconded by Councilwoman Nielsen, that the following Consent Agenda items be approved:

1. Bills Allowed – in the amount of \$162,256.29 be allowed and the Mayor and City Clerk authorized to sign warrants in payment of same.
2. One City Council reappointment to the City of Alpena Building Authority for a three-year term expiring March 2, 2018 (Bill Pfeifer).
3. One Mayoral appointment to the Authority for Brownfield Redevelopment for a three-year term expiring March 1, 2018 (Jim Klarich).

Carried by unanimous vote.

### **BUDGET REQUEST**

#### **MICHIGAN ARTS AND CULTURE NORTHEAST (MACNE)**

Tim Kuehnlein, Michigan Arts and Culture Northeast Board President, presented the MACNE 2015-2016 budget, which includes two planned promotional projects. The

projects are the Annual Arts and Culture Summit (2<sup>nd</sup> year) and the Lake Huron Discovery Tour, scheduled for Columbus Day Weekend, October 9-12, 2015. The Discovery Tour will encompass a weekend-long extravaganza of activity along the US 23 Heritage Route. He submitted a budget request of \$5,000 for fiscal year 2015-2016.

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#### **ALPENA AREA CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU**

Mary Beth Stutzman, Alpena Area Convention and Visitors Bureau President, presented a report on the next phase of implementing the Sanctuary of the Great Lakes brand throughout the community. This will be accomplished with the launch of the Alpena Brand Alliance. A structure overview and budget of the proposed Alliance was provided. She submitted a budget request of \$5,000 for fiscal year 2015-2016.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

Moved by Councilman Nowak, seconded by Councilman Sexton, that the Municipal Council adjourn to a closed session at 8:01 p.m., to discuss union contract negotiations.

Carried by unanimous vote.

### **RECESS**

The Municipal Council recessed at 8:01 p.m.

### **RECONVENE – CLOSED SESSION**

The Municipal Council reconvened in closed session at 8:15 p.m.

### **RECONVENE – OPEN SESSION**

On motion of Councilman Nowak, seconded by Councilwoman Johnson, the Municipal Council reconvened in open session at 9:10 p.m.

On motion of Councilman Nowak, seconded by Councilwoman Johnson, the

Municipal Council adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

MATTHEW J. WALIGORA  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

Karen Hebert  
City Clerk